REMARKS

Claims 1-116 were pending. Claims 1-94 and 97-116 were subject to a restriction requirement. In the Response to Restriction Requirement filed July 22, 2002, claims 36-38 and 95-96 were elected, directed at antibodies and corresponding to Group III.¹

Claim 95 was amended to correct the dependency. No new matter has been added.

In the Communication from the Patent Office, Applicants were informed that elected species SEQ ID NO:105 was "not presented in the elected claims 36-38 of Group III." Applicants respectfully disagree.

Preliminarily Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone conference with the Examiner on December 10, 2002. As discussed during the telephone conference, SEQ ID NO:105 appears in claim 76, from which claim 95 ultimately depends. Claim 95 has been amended to correct its dependency and to further clarify the claimed invention. SEQ ID NO:105 is present in elected Group III, drawn to antibodies and encompassing claims 36-38 and 95-96.

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Applicants noted that claims 95 and 96 were also drawn to antibodies and should be part of Group III.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 95 as follows:

95. **(Amended)** An isolated antibody which binds to an epitope on a polypeptide of claim [90] <u>89</u>.